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Remarks

The §103 (a) Rejection of Claim 20

The Examiner rejected Claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,340,630 to Tripp in view of either U.S. Patent No. 3,957,250 to Murphy or U.S. Patent No. 6,189,285 to Mockry. Applicant has cancelled Claim 20 thereby rendering the rejection of Claim 20 moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner stated that Claims 1-10 and 12-19 are allowed. Applicant respectfully points out that Claim 17 was cancelled in the Reply dated June 29, 2006. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the allowed claims are Claims 1-10, 12-16 and 18-19.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance, which action is courteously requested. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney of record if such contact will facilitate an efficient movement of the application to allowance.

Respectfully yours,



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